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GALLERY GLENDALE AT WESTGATE FEATURES NEW ARTIST GROUP FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

Glendale, Ariz. – The city of Glendale's interactive art gallery, Gallery Glendale at Westgate, is wrapping up summer with a fresh line-up for exhibits, events and classes.

The month of August will feature the WHAM (What's Happen'n Art Movement) art organization, a non-profit that supports, advances and promotes artistic awareness, participation and expression in all areas of visual arts.. About 25 artists have been juried for the month-long art show, featuring more than 100 pieces of art. A majority of the art pieces displayed will be for sale. Artists will provide various art displays, activities and classes at Gallery Glendale at Westgate. For pricing and times, visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale.

Beginning Thursday, Aug. 1, WHAM is hosting an open house from 6-9 p.m. at Gallery Glendale. Guests can meet WHAM organizers and artists and learn about the activities that will be available during August. There will also be a WHAM reception event on Friday, Aug. 9 from 6-9 p.m. Johnny Rockets is sponsoring the reception with food. The reception will include a charity silent auction, musical performance by Fred Verdugo, children interactive art activities and art demonstrations.

"Celebrity Artist" Eric English, who is a member of WHAM and an Emmy Award winner, in photojournalism, will be featured. He has been honored for his work in the Middle East and again for a piece reporting on how families can prevent injuries and death by preparing and planning in the event of a house fire. Eric currently works for ABC 15. Both events are free and open to the public.

The closing ceremony will take place Friday, Aug. 30 from 6-9 p.m. Sponsored by the Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, the "Renaissance People's Choice" Award will be presented to one of the juried artists. Gallery Glendale will be opened Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 6- 9 p.m. During other times, the gallery is used by Glendale Library for story time and other library related events for residents and

Westgate guests. For more information on library-related classes visit www.glendaleaz.com. For more information on the artist exhibit/shows, visit www.wham-art.org or www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale. Gallery Glendale at Westgate is located at located in the heart of the Westgate Entertainment District at 9380 W. Westgate Blvd.

About Westgate Entertainment District Located in Glendale, Westgate Entertainment District is the premier entertainment destination of the West Valley and a place where people come together for dining, nightlife, shopping, community events, business, concerts, sporting events and celebrations of all kinds. Offering a vibrant outdoor setting with a dancing water fountain and jumping fountains for kids, Westgate delivers an interactive experience day or night. Located just east of the Loop 101 on Glendale Avenue, it encompasses more than 20 restaurants, retailers and entertainment venues including Yard House, Saddle Ranch, McFadden's, Kabuki Japanese Restaurant, Johnny Rockets, Which Wich and the state's largest AMC Theatres featuring 20 screens. More than 250 events take place here a year ranging from live music every Friday and Saturday night at Fountain Park to Bike Nights, Radio Disney Wednesdays, a holiday ice rink and fan experience events. No matter the season, there is something fresh, fun and exciting always happening at Westgate. Westgate is also anchored by Jobing.com Arena, home to the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes, headlining concerts and major events, and is adjacent to the University of Phoenix Stadium, home to the NFL's Arizona Cardinals. For more information, a tenant directory or to see what's happening, visit www.westgateaz.com.

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